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***Devonavictoria* nomen novum: a Replacement Name
for the Preoccupied Devonian Bryozoan Genus
Salairella Mesentseva, 2015**

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The Devonian bryozoan genus *Salairella* Mesentseva, 2015 was described by Mesentseva (2015) from the Salair Ridge and Rudny Altai, in Russia, designating *Salairella baskuskanensis* as its type species. Additionally, four more valid species were described: *S. maculata* Mesentseva, 2015; *S. petaloida* Mesentseva, 2015; *S. recta* Mesentseva, 2015; *S. variabilis* Mesentseva, 2015. This genus was included within the family Arthroclemidae Simpson, 1897.

However, the genus name *Salairella* is preoccupied and was initially introduced by Khalfina (1961) for the Devonian sponge species *Salairella multicea* Khalfina, 1961, as the type and only species, from the Salair, in Russia. Thus, the genus *Salairella* Mesentseva, 2015 is a junior homonym of the genus *Salairella* Khalfina, 1961. According to Article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, a replacement name is needed, and I propose *Devonavictoria* **nom. nov.**, for *Salairella* Mesentseva, 2015.

Etymology. *Devonavictoria* is a combination of Devonian, after its occurrence in the Devonian, and *Victoria*, in honour of my fiancée Victoria Ojeda for her understanding towards my scientific work. The gender is feminine.

Accordingly, five new combinations are herein proposed for the fossil bryozoan species previously included in *Salairella* Mesentseva, 2015: *Devonavictoria baskuskanensis* (Mesentseva, 2015), *D. maculata* (Mesentseva, 2015), *D. petaloida* (Mesentseva, 2015), *D. recta* (Mesentseva, 2015), and *D. variabilis* (Mesentseva, 2015). The type species of the genus is *Salairella baskuskanensis* (Mesentseva, 2015).

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